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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
(Agri-II Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 12th August, 2022

No.15/2/2022-Agri-2(6)/9654.—Whereas the State Government is of the opinion that the sale, stock, distribution and use of insecticides indicated in the table given below, is not in the interest of basmati rice growers in view of the reasons recorded below; namely:-

- (i) That there is a risk of higher pesticide residues than Maximum Residual Level (MRL) fixed by the competent authority in the basmati rice grains on account of use of these agro-chemicals.
- (ii) That the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana has recommended alternative agro chemicals to control pests of basmati rice in Punjab,
- (iii) That the Punjab Rice Millers and Exporters Association has also reported that many samples got tested by them contain the residue value of these pesticides much above the MRL values in Basmati Rice. The Association requested for ban of these agrochemicals to save the heritage Basmati produce of Punjab, and to ensure hassle free export of basmati rice to other countries; and

Whereas in view of the above, it is imperative to prohibit the sale, stock, distribution and use of the insecticides indicated in the Table given below, on Basmati crop in the State, being potential constraint in export and consumption of rice, especially Basmati rice;

Table	
Serial No.	Name of Insectide
1.	Acephate
2.	Buprofezin
3.	Chloropyrifos
4.	Methamidophos
5.	Propiconazole
6.	Thaimethoxam
7.	Profenofos
8.	Isoprothiolane
9.	Carbendazim
10.	Tricyclazole

Whereas the alternatives to the said insecticides, which are low in residue effect, are available in the market.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Central Act No. 46 of 1968), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to prohibit the sale, stock, distribution and use of all types of formulations of the insecticides, indicated in the 'Table' in the State of Punjab for a period of sixty days so that good quality of basmati rice with no residual effect can be produced.

The 12th August, 2022

Sd/-
Additional Chief Secretary
Government of Punjab,
Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Punjab.